

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
STATESVILLE DIVISION
CIVIL ACTION NO. 5:18-CV-171-GCM-DCK**

GARY WESLEY HALL,)
Plaintiff,)
v.)
THE LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE)
INSURANCE COMPANY,)
Defendant.)

THIS MATTER IS BEFORE THE COURT on the “Joint Notice Of Settlement And Request To Stay” (Document No. 8) filed December 7, 2018. The undersigned construes this filing as a motion to stay, and immediate review is appropriate. Having carefully considered the motion and the record, and noting consent of the parties, the undersigned will grant the motion.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the “Joint Notice Of Settlement And Request To Stay” (Document No. 8) is **GRANTED**. This matter is **STAYED** pending further Order of this Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the parties may file a Stipulation of Dismissal on or before **January 8, 2019**. If the parties are unable to finalize settlement, Defendant shall file an Answer to Plaintiff's Complaint on or before **January 11, 2019**.

Signed: December 12, 2018

David C. Keesler
United States Magistrate Judge

